



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13
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Meeting Minutes

The St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13 Board of Commissioners met in regular session at **7:15 PM** on **November 16, 2022**, at the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 13 fire station located at 13053 Hwy 190 Covington, LA 70433.

7:15 PM the meeting was called to order by Chairman Osbourn

Roll call: Absent: Mark Cortez, Present: George Osbourn, Jorge Fernandez, Norman Voelkel and Tony Devillier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Awards and Recognition: None

Minutes Review: Review and consideration of approval of the October 19, 2022, board meeting minutes, Mr. Devillier made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Voelkel, no further discussion, all in favor. (See attached).

Financial Report: Mr. Voelkel reviewed the credit card report before the meeting and reported all in order. Clint Ory discussed and reviewed the through October 31, 2022 financial report and performance report with the Board all items in budget and financially sound. Mr. Devillier made a motion to adopt the financial reports, and credit card reports, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, no further comments or discussion, all in favor (see attached).

Old Business

1. Old business was moved to the last item. Joe Schneider joined by Zoom to discuss the progress of Station 134. There are a few problems that need to be addressed. 1. There are multiple Live Oaks marked on the Topographical survey that need to be discussed with the Champagne's. 2. The Parish is advising the entire parcel leased to the fire district would require no net fill mitigation due to critical drainage at the very front of the lot. There was extensive discussion around this and related matters like the culvert so the lot can have the underbrush cut, and soil borings can be done. Plans are still not finalized. Mr. Voelkel questioned a timeline for being ready to bid, with after January maybe February as the answer given. A plan was made to have Chief contact Joel Champagne to walk the property and get their input on the Live Oaks. Joe is to contact the surveyor and get confirmation on a possible 6 ft. live oak that is believed a 6 inch. Additionally, a discussion with the Champagnes regarding no net fill issue and how they would like us to proceed. No further action taken.

New Business

1. 2022-020 BOC Resolution (Approve the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget). A motion was made by Mr. Devillier and second by Mr. Fernandez, the resolution was read aloud, no questions or comments from those in attendance, roll call vote, all were in favor, resolution passed.
2. Additional comments from PMI. Mr. Danenhower updated the board on the latest from Firefighter Retirement as of October the pension fund is down 10 to 11% for the year.
3. Civil Service report – There is an issue with Civil Services records for FD13. The Civil Service Board is working to provide their copies of olde records to help them correct their lost records.
4. Maintenance – Scheduled preventative maintenance ongoing. The SCBA bottles were hydrostatically tested, all the 2216 psi bottles were condemned due to age, there were three 3000 psi bottles that failed due to damage.
5. Training Report: Chief Hecker provided a written training report, see attached. Stated that FD13 had another Instructor 2 certified. Continued going training reported including upcoming Diversified Foods drill Nov 18th.
6. Fire Prevention: No updates.
7. Fire Chief's Report: Reported 96 responses for October 2022. Chief Johnson explained that 8 of the 20 plus SCBA condemned during testing were assigned to apparatus. After three years of attempting grants to replace SCBA we are



now out of options. He presented pricing for 8 new MSA G1 SCBA with spare bottles. Projected cost \$68,000. The board made a motion to authorize the Chief to use \$70,000 of the \$100,000 surplus in the 2022 Equipment budget to replace the 8 condemned SCBA that were in-service on apparatus. Motion made by Mr. Devillier and second by Voelkel, no further comments or questions, all were in favor, motion passed.

8. **Motion to adjourn** by Mr. Devillier and seconded by Mr. Fernandez, all in favor, Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.